



ALMA COLLEGE

Education Department

Important Reminders about Certification

Re: **Completing all requirements for Graduation and/or Certification**

The Alma College Education Department is providing the following information to “Graduates who may be planning to not be recommended in all subject area minors and Graduates and Non-Graduates who may be planning to not be recommended by Alma College for Michigan certification.”

5-YEAR RULE FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE: Per the Michigan Department of Education (administrative rules): A candidate for certification shall make an application for provisional certification within 5 years after certification requirements have been met.

PLEASE NOTE: It is possible for graduates with a Secondary or Elementary major test passed to be recommended for certification without passing the minor state test(s). All Alma College and Michigan Department of Education requirements must be met.

5-YEAR RULE FOR VALID MTTC TESTS PER MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PLEASE NOTE: Per the Michigan Department of Education (administrative rule update): All subject area tests (including Elementary Education and tests in majors/minors) taken July 2009 and later are valid for 5 years from the date of the test for initial certification or additional endorsement purposes.

WHAT THIS MEANS: If you have NOT been recommended for initial certification or additional endorsements for which you may qualify, you may want to consider completing requirements and be recommended before already taken subject area tests become invalid 5 years from the date of the test.